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VII. *Letters from the Rev. Dr.* William Borlaſe, *F. R. S. Rector of* Ludgvan *in* Cornwall, *to* Charles Morton, *M. D. F. R. S. and from Mr.* Roſewarne, *of* Truro, *to Dr.* Borlaſe; *giving an Account of a Specimen of Native Tin found in* Cornwall, *and now depoſited in the* Muſeum *of the* Royal Society.

Ludgvan, Jan. 30, 1769.

SIR,

Read February 16, 1769. PERHAPS you may not have forgot that, in the year 1765, I ſent a ſpecimen of native tin, to be depoſited in the Royal Society's Muſeum; and though the account of it, publiſhed in the Tranſactions of the year following, was not ſuch as I wiſh, yet I am ſteadily intent on paying my duty to the Society, and obviating (as far as lies in my power) all doubts relating to natural knowledge.

Laſt poſt I received a letter from Mr. Roſewarne, of this county, with an account of his having met with another ſpecimen of native tin; and I ſend it you incloſed, for your inſpection, to be returned at your

your leiſure. This young gentleman is a conſiderable merchant, eſpecially verſed in tin affairs, with a great ſhare of quickneſs and underſtanding in the fuſion of metals; and I refer it to you, whether it may not be proper to introduce him at the next meeting of the Royal Society, by your means, and requeſt him there to ſhew that rare ſpecimen which he carries with him to town.

He, indeed, intends (you'll find by his letter) to bring it back with him; but if this be only to let me have the inſpection of it, and, through my hands, to depoſit it in your Muſeum, I ſhall eaſily diſpenſe with every ceremony of that kind; and I write him by this or next poſt, that (as it is ſmall, and may miſcarry, or be miſlaid in ſuch long journies) I intreat him to let it reſt, for the ſatisfaction of the doubtful, in your Muſeum; and, as I hope to prevail, let it remain with the ſample I ſent, but in Mr. Roſewarne's name.

As every acquiſition in natural hiſtory will, I know, be very acceptable to you and the gentlemen of the Society, for whom I have the greateſt reſpect, I make the leſs apology for giving you this trouble, and remain,

SIR,

Your moſt obedient ſervant,

William Borlaſe.

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To the Rev. Doctor William Borlaſe.

Rev. Sir, Truro, Jan. 27, 1769.

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I HAVE the pleaſure to acquaint you, that I have at laſt met with a ſpecimen of native tin, which is ſo evidently ſo at firſt ſight as not to admit of the leaſt doubt or objection. The deſcription of it is this: ſome ſtreamers in the pariſh of Luxilion brought in a parcel of tin ore to a blowing-houſe I am concerned in at Sthurtle; amongſt the parcel was a great number of tin diamonds of a moſt beautiful nature, of the rozin kind; one was eminently ſuperior to the reſt, being almoſt tranſparent, and ſeemed to have ſomething in the center which, through the ſtone, looked like gold. This induced me to break the ſtone; which was no ſooner done than I found it to be native tin, in the very center of the diamond. The ſpecimen is ſo ſmall, that I am at a loſs which way to ſend it for your inſpection, for fear it ſhould be loſt. I ſhall ſet out for London on Monday next, and intend carrying this curioſity with me. I'll not leave it behind me; but when I come back you ſhall ſee it, and through you depoſit it with the Royal Society, for the ſatisfaction of the curious. I am,

Rev. Sir,

Your obliged and faithful

humble ſervant,

Henry Roſewarne.